



Needs Assessment Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mayor's Large Conference Room, 8th Floor, 160 N. Main Street

Members present:

Scott Fleming, Chairman

Nisha Powers, Secretary

Aubrey Howard

David Pickler

Dr. Thomas Glass

Wanda Halbert

Commissioner David Lillard

Jay Weatherington

Members absent:

Cato Johnson, Vice-Chairman

Nick Clark, Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Deidre Malone

NAC Consultants present:

Carolyn Staskiewicz, DeJong

Joe Skinner, JAED

School personnel present:

Dr. Carol Johnson, Superintendent, MCS

Alexander Sasfras, Policy Planning

Tom Marshall, MCS Consultant

Jimmie Tucker, MCS Consultant

Deni Hirsch, Memphis Board of Education

Dr. Jeff Warren, Memphis Board of Education

Dr. Bobby Webb, Superintendent, SCS

Dr. Richard Holden, Assistant Superintendent, SCS

Maura Sullivan, Director, Research and Planning, SCS

Shelby County Administration and Staff:

John Fowlkes, Chief Administrative Officer

Kevin Gallagher, Mayor's Office, Public Affairs

Grace Hutchinson, Deputy Director, Finance and Administration

Marion Jones, Senior Planner, DPD

Visitors:

Éthele Hilliard, Partners in Public Education

Dr. Susan Roakes, U of M, Dept. of City and Regional Planning

Steve Rogers, BWSC
James Stafford, Buchart-Horn
Channel 3
Channel 5

Chairman Fleming called the meeting to order at 2:15 P.M.

Chairman Fleming welcomed everyone and thanked the attendees for coming.

Old Business:

Confirmation of MCS Representative on the NAC: Chairman Fleming confirmed Ms. Wanda Halbert is MCS's Representative on the Needs Assessment Committee. Ms. Robinson's name will be taken off the letterhead.

Approval of Phase One:

Ms. Halbert asked what approval of the report meant. Chairman Fleming stated approval set a square foot per student and cost per square foot range would act as NAC's recommending guidelines for new construction. Mr. Howard stated the report would be NAC's guidelines for review of proposals by MCS and SCS.

Dr. Carol Johnson apologized for not providing feedback earlier. Dr. Johnson asked the NAC to please take note that MCS and the City of Memphis *must* use the prevailing wage on all capital projects (page 4 of the report). NAC was asked to note that MCS middle schools also have auditoriums. Dr. Johnson also noted the specifications focused on school facilities. SCS has adjacent athletic facilities. In the inner city, land is scarce and recreation facilities represent a greater investment by MCS. This investment typically results in an auditorium or gymnasium as well as certain shared facilities such as football stadiums between schools. Mr. Marshall stated he had contacted H & M Construction about the cost of recreation facilities. The cost for high schools is approximately \$1.2 million and approximately \$800,000.00 for middle schools. Dr. Holden was ask about the cost for SCS recreation facilities. Dr. Holden responded that SCS spends approximately \$91 per square foot for athletic complexes which typically include soccer, football and softball. Approximately 8% of the \$2.3 million for Arlington High School was for athletic facilities. Both Dr. Johnson and Dr. Webb noted the community uses their athletic facilities and stated these facilities are a part of the educational program provided by both school systems. Chairman Fleming asked for quotes in writing. This information will be included in NAC findings to County Commission.